



## **5th District Fall Convention Meeting Minutes October 18, 2014**

**Post Colors (Bill Craig)**

**Prayer (Joe Carter)**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**POW/MIA Chair (Bill Craig)**

**Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion**

**Roll Call (Larry Taylor)**

Posts: 111, 511, 368, 802, 453, 424, 504, 507, 292, 184, 597

District Officers: Cmdr, VCmdr, Finance Officer, Chaplain, Historian, Sergeant-At-Arms

**Guest Introductions**

Jim Prendergast – Department NEC, District

Cyndi Miller – Department Historian

Bob Elkins—Past Division, District

Jeff Perkins—Past Division, District

**April Convention 2014 & August 2014 Minutes (Larry Taylor)**

Jeff Perkins-Motion to accept minutes as posted

Don Cecil—second

Motion Carried

**First Delegate Count Reading**

**Finance Report (Pat Sansom)—report attached**

Ed Kownslar—motion to accept finance report pending audit  
Don Cecil—second  
Motion Carried

**Commander's Report—report attached**

**Committee & Advisor Reports**

**- Membership (Larry Taylor)—report attached**

Bill Craig—motion to accept report  
Jeff Perkins—second  
Motion Carries

**- Public Relations (Tom Kelly)—Will be working with local media outlets and Posts.**

**- Americanism (Dennis Snow)--excused**

- \* Community Service
- \* Children & Youth
- \* Junior Shooting
- \* School Awards

**- Baseball (Larry Taylor)—report attached**

Ed Kownslar—motion to accept report  
Bill Craig—second  
Motion Carries

**- Boy Scouts (Bernard Aderholt)— excused**

**- Boys State (Vacant)—Committee Chair needed**

**- Constitution & Bylaws (Bill Freauff)—Post 292 CBL completed and approved. Post 453 revision in process.**

Bob Elkins—motion to accept report  
Glenn Wilson—second  
Motion Carried

**- Legislative (Vacant)—Need Committee Chair. Nothing to report**

**- National Security (Jeff Perkins)**

Bill Craig—motion to accept report  
Bill Freauff—second  
Motion Carried

- **Oratorical (Vacant)** – Committee Chair needed. District Oratorical will be on January 4, 2015.

- **JROTC (Matt Graska)**—Committee Chair needed. No report available.

- **SAL Advisor (Larry Taylor)**—report attached

Jeff Perkins—motion to accept report  
Bill Freauff—second  
Motion Carried

- **ALR Advisor (Glenn Wilson)** – No report

- **Sick Call, Relief and Employment Service Officer’s Report**

Nothing noted

- **VA&R (Vacant)**—Committee Chair needed

**Motion made and carried for a brief break in the Convention session. Flag retired.**

**Convention session reconvened. Flag reposted.**

**Unfinished Business –**

- 2014 membership awards given to Post 507.
- Blue Books were handed out.

**5<sup>th</sup> District Auxiliary President, Myrtle Johnson, introduce & recognized to speak.**

**Commander Appointment:** Phillip Mulvaney as District Assistant Chaplain.

Ed Kownslar - motion to accept appointment  
Bill Craig – second  
Motion carried

**Commander Appointment:** Ed Kownslar as District Legislative Committee Chairman.

Bill Craig - motion to accept appointment  
Bob Elkins – second  
Motion carried

**Commander Appointment:** Alan Caesar as District VA&R Committee Chairman.

Bill Craig - motion to accept appointment  
Bob Elkins – second  
Motion carried

Commander Appointment: Alan Caesar as District Service Officer.

Paul Brown - motion to accept appointment  
WS Turner – second  
Motion carried

Commander Appointment: Cyndi Miller as District Oratorical Committee Chairman.  
Phillip Mulvaney - motion to accept appointment  
Bill Freauff – second  
Motion carried

### **New Business**

- Annual Veterans Homeless Stand Down at VRC at 10:00 am – need donations, Post 453 donated tractor load, last 1 ½ years ALR 453 donated \$270,000 worth of retail products.
- Veterans Day Parade Nov. 11
- Red, White & You Job Fair at Ranger Stadium Nov. 13 at 9:00am – Volunteers needed.
- National Revitalization Team in Dallas Jan. 29-31. 12 volunteers needed each day.
- District officer elections will be held during the District Spring Convention on April 18 at Post 453
- District Commander challenges each Post to strive for the Post Excellence Award. Post must submit application to District for validation to be eligible. Criteria was given.

### **Second Delegate Count Reading**

#### **Resolutions:**

Jeff Perkins for State Vice Commander 2015-2016  
Bob Elkins – motion for 5<sup>th</sup> District to endorse  
Bill Craig – second  
Motion carried

Commendation for Post 511 for hosting District convention  
Standing Room applause to endorse resolution  
Motion carried

### **Announcements**

Bill Craig announced he is running for District Sergeant-at-Arms.

Bill Craig introduced JROTC cadets Cantrell and Easy to speak for fund raiser.  
Pat Sansom - motioned to have 5<sup>th</sup> District donate \$50  
Angela Herndon – second  
Motion carried

## **Good of the Legion**

- Post Roll Call for Input

Post 453 is hosting 24 hr feeding on Thanksgiving Day for 1<sup>st</sup> responders in area.

Post 597 Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Post 292 starting scholarship fund.

Post 292 & 511 having joint Christmas party. No other details at this time.

Post 802 Annual Socks for Veterans on Dec.13 & community Christmas Party

Post 424 last weekend had Bike Rodeo and next Sat. having Halloween Party

No District Christmas Party this year.

- Pat Sanson made motion to purchase additional checks for District  
Ed Kownslar – second  
Motion carried
- Bill Craig made motion to fund Convention expenses  
Ed Kownslar – second  
Motion carried

## **Additional Announcements**

- Next District meeting on Dec. 14. Location to be determined.
- Luncheon to be served immediately following meeting
- Joint Memorial service at 1:30pm
- Training following the Memorial service

Closing Prayer (Joe Carter)  
POW/MIA Retired (Bill Craig)  
Colors Retired (Bill Craig)

Meeting Adjourned 4:23pm